

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Nursing assistants are essential in the lives of the people in their care, and each nursing assistant is called upon to create an environment of caring for a patient or resident and,

*Whereas*, Nursing assistants are called upon to work with others who may present a myriad of personalities, habits, and preferences, as well as physical care needs; and,

*Whereas*, A nursing assistant knows that simply performing a procedure correctly does not necessarily ensure the desired results; and,

*Whereas*, The experienced nursing assistant knows that good skills can make a world of difference to an individual who is lonely, confused, in pain, has a poor appetite, or has a problem getting out of a chair; and,

*Whereas*, Nursing assistants are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation and world, and they are especially important to our elderly in long-term care facilities; and,

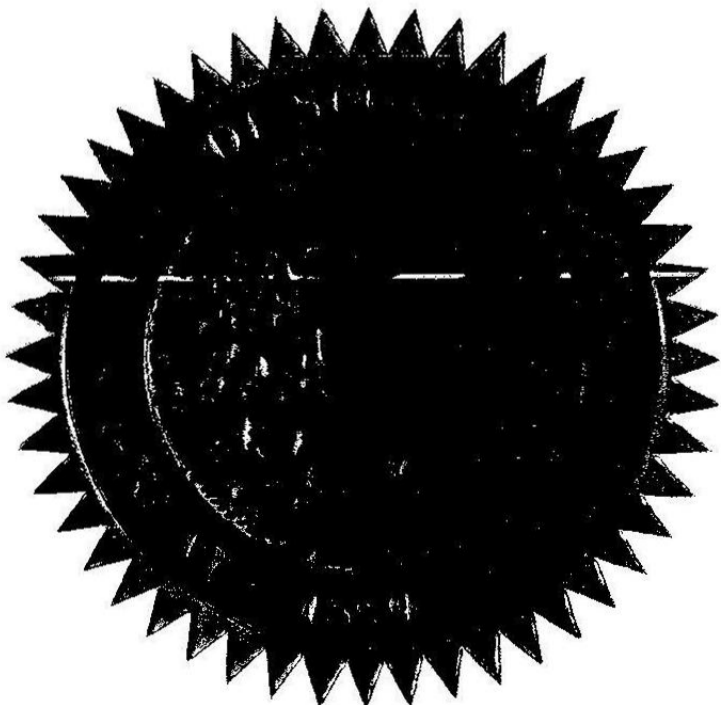
*Whereas*, Public recognition of nursing assistants provides a valuable service, not only for making nursing assistants more visible, but to also, lessen the concern by family members when a loved one is in need of special care:


*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 9-16, 2005, as

*NURSING ASSISTANTS WEEK*

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and validate the role of the nursing assistant in the health care system.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State